

WE NEED SOCIALISM

To Remedy the Evils the World
Baffles Under.

SAYS THE REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON

In His Sermon on the Value of a Human Being—A Powerful Discourse on a Pertinent Subject.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon delivered his sermon on the "Value of a Human Being," at the Central Congregational church last evening. On account of the rain the congregation was not so large as had been anticipated, but it was a thoroughly interested one. Mr. Sheldon said, after a short introduction to his subject:

"What is the definition of socialism? The newest dictionaries give the following:

"A theory or system of social reform which contemplates a complete reconstruction of society with a more just and equitable distribution of property and labor."

"In popular usage the term is often employed to indicate any lawless revolutionary scheme."

"The general tendency is to regard socialism as any interference undertaken by society on behalf of the poor."

"It will be seen by these definitions that popular usage has regarded the word socialism as almost, if not quite synonymous, with anarchism; while at the same time the word itself, as seen by the first and third definitions, is a word with a good meaning."

"This confusion on the part of newspaper writers, dictators, politicians, and others, who are not careful in their use of terms, has made very many Christian people afraid of the word socialism, as if it exceeded beneath its harmless syllables a dynamite bomb, or a dagger, or a bowl of poison at least."

"Very many people here in this city and perhaps in this audience, have been in the habit of thinking that a socialist and an anarchist were one and the same person, and that socialism and anarchism were terms with no difference between them worth mentioning. But the dictionaries define anarchism as 'absence of government; a state of society where there is no law; a state of lawlessness.'

"Socialism, according to the definition, is a theory or system of social reform, which contemplates a complete reconstruction of society, but that reconstruction is to be based on law and order. The socialist is a reconstructer."

"The anarchist is a destroyer. You could not say 'Christian anarchism.' You can say 'Christian socialism.'

"The two words are not related even distantly."

"Only a popular usage has carelessly or ignorantly confused them; have they been used interchangeably?"

"Or persons who are really socialists have allowed themselves to be called anarchists, or those who are really anarchists have taken on the name socialists, have the terms become like one and the same."

"Once for all let us understand that the word socialism properly defined is a word which has a good, respectable, dignified and law-abiding character.

"On the other hand, has a radical and popular disrepute. Those who use it to mean anything less than 'A state of society where there is no law; a state of lawlessness' use it in a manner not authorized."

"A man who is a socialist injures himself to call himself an anarchist."

"A man who is an anarchist has no right to abuse the word socialist by calling himself one for the reason he is doing himself and others harm."

"Christian socialism," continued Mr. Sheldon, "is the application of the teachings of Jesus Christ to the condition of humanity, for the bettering of humanity."

"This application of the teachings will necessarily reconstruct society, and it will

necessarily have to do with society at every point of its organization, political, educational, religious, artistic, physical.

"Christian socialism, properly defined is the practical application of the Christianity of Christ to the whole of a man's life on the earth for the purpose of giving the man life abundantly."

"And the sum of these addresses is to show that the teachings of Christ cover the entire activity of human life on the globe, can be practically applied to every part of the social life of man as a social being, and are the final and complete answer to the entire social problem now waiting for an answer as never before in all the ages."

"Christian socialism, therefore, is the practical application of the teachings of Jesus Christ to the entire social life of man on earth for the bettering of that life, for the giving of life abundantly."

"The aim and object of these addresses is to show that the Christianity of Christ answers the question of man as a social being, and answers it practically, and completely and finally."

"The problem then before us is 'Is Humanity To be bettered of its social condition? And the answer to the problem is the teaching of Christ applied to that condition."

"That, in brief, is the definition of 'Christian Socialism.'"

Mr. Sheldon added: "Christ paid no attention to art, science, politics, geography, astronomy, medicine, law, or any of the thousand different pursuits by which men in his time, as in all times, attempt to win fame or money."

"The one great object of his life was to throw light upon the human being, apart from all accidents of birth, of wealth or acquirements. The value of a man was constantly in his teachings."

"The importance of a man's doing right, living pure, being just, loving God, and his neighbor, this was what he emphasized. He talked about men, about their duties, their rights, their responsibilities, their opportunities, their eternal welfare."

"You cannot find in any of Christ's teachings, any allusion to the philosophies or the acts or the learning of men. I do not mean that he was not interested in all these subjects. He probably was, and may have talked of them on occasions. But that was not the great thing with him. The great thing was Humanism, just as it stood all by itself and God, with nothing between its soul and God but its own relationship. Christ was a practical one idea, we might say, and that idea was the Human."

"Why, what is that that rouses the sympathy and indignation and discontent and interest and general interest over the social problems of day? Is it because there is an abstract principle of philosophy to be discussed or debated? No. It is because human beings are going without bread to eat through no fault of theirs,

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5-8 " " 3.25 " 2.98

3-4 " " 2.50 " 2.18

3-4 " " 3.00 " 2.72

3-4 " " 3.25 " 2.97

3-4 " " 4.00 " 3.50

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We have an elegant line of Doilies, in round and square, in beautiful designs at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 dozen.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The supreme court will convene tomorrow morning.

The city physician wants a stronger sanitary ordinance.

The Topeka society of medicine and surgery meets next Monday.

The federal court meets at Wichita today, Judge Williams presiding.

A Republican club will be organized in the Fifth ward tomorrow evening.

There will be a musical recital at Washburn college tomorrow evening.

The church-goers who wear to church last night, formed a hopeless minority.

Judge W. C. Webb has a set of nimbuses completed for the year 1893 to the present time.

The May meeting of the county teachers association will be held in the chapel of Washburn college.

The annual meeting of the Lake View club will be held at the club house Tuesday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

Rev. G. W. Browning and Rev. S. E. Betts conducted services at the Reform school yesterday afternoon.

The members of Chas. P. Elliott's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," occupied a box at the Grand at the Saturday afternoon matinee.

H. E. Ferrell, the colored candidate for the school board from the Fifth ward, withdrew shortly after the polls opened Saturday.

There were 569 votes cast in the second precinct of the Third ward, and the 600th man came in to vote just after the polls closed.

Harry Lindsey, son of Chief Lindsey, will represent C. P. Elliott with his company on the road. Mr. Elliott will remain here.

Rev. A. N. See of Salina, is in Topeka and will organize a Good Templars lodge this evening at Moffitt & Lillie's furniture store, 419 Kansas ave.

Governor Lewelling has designated April 1st as the day upon which Adjutant General Atch will turn his office over to his successor, Major Davis.

The next regular meeting of the Saturday Night club will occur Saturday, Mr. Louis Roby "the gentleman from Iowa," will read a paper on "Modern Magazines."

A reward of \$500 has been offered for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons who derailed the Rock Island train near St. Joseph, Mo., last week.

The annual meeting of the Westminster church occurs on the first Tuesday in April, and it has been decided to give a supper then in order to get a large number present.

Bishop Vincent occupied the pulpit of the First M. E. church yesterday morning, and conducted the communion service of the last quarterly meeting of the conference.

Eddie Brennan's merrymakers gave a sort of mineral entertainment Saturday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall at the Kansas avenue, and were encouraged with a large audience.

Hon. Martin Mohler led the morning service at Westminster church yesterday, as there is sickness in the pastor's

TABLE SETS.

Read over carefully this list.

\$2.99

Will buy an all linen cloth 8x10 and 1 dozen napkins to match, worth \$3.50.

\$4.23

Will buy one fringed cloth 8x10 and 1 dozen napkins to match, worth \$5.25.

\$4.25

Will buy another the same size with napkins to match, worth \$5.75.

\$4.50

Will buy another, same size, with napkins to match, worth \$6.75.

\$6.00

Buy one hemstitched cloth 9x10 and 1 dozen napkins 17x17, worth \$7.50.

\$6.00

Buy another 8x10 cloth and 1 dozen napkins 18x18, worth \$8.75.

\$7.00

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